Jody Rainwater

An old friend says goodbye

By FRANCES PAULETTE

He was born between Pilot Mt. and Mt. Airy, N.C., this dark skinned, green-eyed, part Cherokee Indian named Charles E. Johnson. To the people in Appomattox and the surrounding areas, he's known as Jody.....Jody Rainwater.

When radio station WTTX, opened here in Appomattox in June of 1974, the very first voice to be heard on the air was that of Jody Rainwater. He has been with the station since that time. Friday, Oct. 31, was Jody's last day as station manager of WTTX.

Jody was no stranger to radio when he came to Appomattox in 1974. He came here from the Blackstone station, WKLV. He had been there since 1971. Prior to that time he worked from June 1952 until July 1971 in Crewe, Va. with station WSVS.

Charles Johnson attended high school in Wallburg, N.C. He played the trumpet in the high school band and that, in itself, isn't a bit unusual. What is so unusual, though, is the fact that he played entirely 'by ear.'

"I never did learn to read music," commented Jody with a laugh.

"The teacher helped me to learn the tune. Sometimes it wasn't easy because I often played second trumpet."

Before radio, Jody traveled from 1948 until 1952 with Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs and The Foggy Mt. Boys.

When he was in high school Jody loved to listen to the Grand Ole Oprey on radio. He made up his mind that one day, somehow or other, he'd work for a radio station.

When he first began traveling with the Foggy Mt. Boys, Jody, (he was still known as Charles at that time), was booking agent for the goup. Then, little by little, he began singing, playing an instrument and even acting as comedian for the group. He thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Playing an instrument came easy for Jody. In addition to his experience in the high school band, he and his brother Herman, often played together in 1936. Jody played the mandolin and Herman the guitar.

Sometime before 1948, Charles Johnson began using the name Jody in his comedy routine with the Foggy Mt. Boys. It was in Lexington, Ky. late in 1948 that Lester Flatt gave Charles the name 'Jody Rainwater' and it stuck. He's been Jody ever since.

Jody and his wife live at Rt. 1, Crewe, Va. They have five children and eight grandchildren. Jody and his wife, "born again Christians" are members of Grace Baptist Temple in Blackstone.

Jody, whose plans for the future are indefinite at this writing said, "I appreciate the opportunities I have had as manager of WTTX to become friends with people of the community. I praise the Lord for the opportunities we have had to get the gospel out in song and sermon."

JODY RAINWATER (right) and Mayor Ronnie Spiggle share a light moment.

Keysville couple takes 'Lincoln Logs' reins

Lincoln Logs LTD, has named Steve and Debra Duval of Adirondack Homes in Keysville as their exclusive distributors in this area.

Lincoln Logs, which is in no way related to the child's toy of the same name is based in Chestertown, New York, in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains.

It was more than a year ago when the Duvals first began checking out different manufacturers of log homes. There are more than 200 log home manufactureres in the United States and Canada. Steve and Debra examined dozens of them before making the decision to go with Lincoln Logs.

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Barbecue planned

Falling River Country Club will have a cocktail party, barbeque and dance on Saturday, Nov. 15, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Remember how delicious the barbeque was at the last one we had? This promises to be just as good as that and just as much fun. Music for the dance will be furnished by a disc jockey from WLVA and will include bluegrass, country, music from the fifties, as well as popular music. Cost for the event will be $15 per couple.

Seminar slated

The sheriff's department of Appomattox County is urging local merchants and interested parties to attend a seminar on shoplifting planned for Nov. 10 (Monday) in room 305 of Appomattox County High School.

The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and the ACHS Distributive Education Department. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run through 9:30 p.m.

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Hollywood news

By MARY BAGBY

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Rev. Dan Menser brought a fine message to the people of Hollywood Church Sunday. His text was taken from Ephesians 4:32.

It was a great shock and our hearts were saddended when word came Thursday morning that our dear friend and neighbor, Betty Morris Webb had passed away. We express our deepest sympathy and love to each of her family and love ones. Hollwood Church, the Women's Missionary Society and this community has lost one of its most highly esteemed and respected people. Her life was a living example each of us would do well to live by.

We are very sorry to hear Mr. Edwin Schampel of Lynchburg is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery. We are sorry to hear his brother, Mr. Howard Schampel of Minnesota is ill. His sister, Miss Alice Schampel of Chicago, Ill. is there with him. Our prayers are with each of them.

We're glad to hear Mrs. R. G. Austin is improving and will be coming home this week from the hospital.

Miss Donna Franklin was a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital a few days last week. She is at home now. We pray she may soon be real well again.

Mr. John Webb's condition remains unchanged, he is still a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Our prayers are with him and his love ones.

Visitors Tuesday of Rev. and Mrs. Dan Mesner and Mike were Mr. H. W. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Inge and Mrs. Madeline Inge were visitors Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wingfield and family. Those calling in this home Saturday were Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mr. and Ms. Kenneth Deaner and family, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond and Mrs. Mary Bagby. Our prayers are with both Mr. and Mrs. Wingfield. May the soon be feeling better.

Mrs. James Conner and Mrs. J. L. Torrence were weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence spent the weekend with their son, Mr. Larry Torrence and family of Woodbridge, Va.

We're glad to hear Mr. Robert Coleman is improving. Those visiting him and Mrs. Coleman were Mrs. Janie Chernault, Mr. Robert Chernault, Mr. Clark Chernault and Mr. Bobby Smith.

Mrs. Claude Hamlett of Hurt visited her mother, Mrs. Virgie Beasley Wednesday. Mr. Grover Beasley Jr. visited Mrs. Beasley Sunday.

A host of friends and relatives attended the funeral and burial of Mrs. R. M. Webb at Hollywood Church Saturday afternoon.

Weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr. were Mr. Gener Wolfe, Mrs. Bobbie Kivi and daughter, Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Damron and son, Chris of Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Long and daughter, Judy of Durham, N. C.

Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wingfield, Mr. Robert Wingfield Jr., Mr. James Wingfield and Mrs. Bill Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holt of Hurt were visitors Sunday of Mr. H. W. Jenkins.

Supper guest Saturday night of Mrs. Madeline Inge were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ferguson, Mr. Billy Ferguson, Mr. Henry Ferguson all of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington and Mr. Nat Ferguson. Rev. Dan and Mrs. Menser and Mike were dinner guest of Mrs. Inge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clabo and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clabo of Cumberland and Mrs. Phyliss Davis of Scottsville were dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and Robin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wingfield were dinner guest last Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Whit Woodall of Lynchburg.

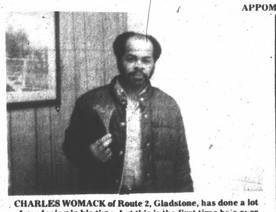
Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb and family were Mr. Hal Webb of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb of Baltimore, Mrs. Carrie Wright of Florida, Mrs. Marshall Goin and Mrs. Willie Craft.

Lisa Woodall is on the sick list. Many good well wishes go out to her. Rev. and Mrs. Dan Menser and Mike called in this home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb visited Mr. John Webb at the Lynchburg General Hospital and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson Sunday evening.

Mrs. Carrie W. Wright and Mrs. Vara Robertson are spending a few days with Mr. Richard and Walker Webb and family.

Those calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby were Mrs. Madeline Inge, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Inge, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr., Mr. Myrt Mann, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Miss Delorous Deaner and Kenneth, Miss Dawn Deaner, Mr. Steve Cawthorn, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and Robin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and children Rev. Dan Menser, the Thomas Woodalls, Miss Julia Wingfield and quite a few dear little Halloweens.



CHARLES WOMACK of Route 2, Gladstone, has done a lot of gardening in his time, but this is the first time he's ever grown anything quite like the mustard-green leaf he's holding. Without a break in the top or bottom, the leaf forms a perfect funnel.

Oakville news

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith and Mrs. Mollie Rogers last week were: Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Mrs. Emma Lemon, Rev. Clarence Davis, Mr. Pete Jamerson, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lucado, Mrs. Thelma Thornhill, Mr. James Rogers, Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Smith and Joel, Barry Moore, Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Smith was honored as shut-in-of-the-week from New Hope Church last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Morgan, Creedmoor, N. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lucado last week. Ms. Thelma Thornhill also visited in this home last week but has returned to her home near Bent Creek, Va.

Mrs. G. W. Taylor (Gladys) Kingsport, Tenn. visited in the home of Mrs. Alise Drinkard for a few days. She was honored with a covered dish dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses Saturday night. Others who attended this festive occasion were: Mrs. Helen Bussey, Roanoke, Va., Mr. and Mrs.H. B. Smith, Laura, Mary Beth, Lynchburg, Mrs. Alise Drinkard, Mrs. M. A. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hunter visited Mrs. Virginia Ragland for a while Sunday p.m.

Jordan news

This is a day that the Lord hast made, let us enjoy and be glad in it.

There will be a plate selling at the Oakville School on Saturday beginning at 11 Come and buy your dinner and supper.

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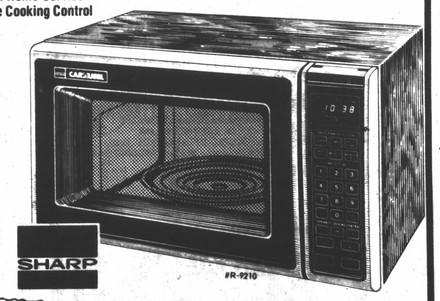

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